

# TOWN OF ARENA BOARD MEETING

March 7, 2022

Board Members Present: David Lucey, Bill Gauger, Andrea Joo, Joni Johnson-Kropp (Clerk). Absent: Minnie Gauger (Treasurer)

Others Present: Leah Forseth, Cole Rasmussen, Evy Halverson, Mike T. Hogan, Ryan Osborn, Stephanie Osborn, Nick Hanold, Chad Sturdevent, Dennis Arneson, Jon Joo, Eric Henning

- The monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman David Lucey at 6:00pm and Roll Call was taken with only Treasurer, Minnie Gauger, being absent.
- Motion made by Joo to approve the night's agenda, seconded by Gauger. Agenda approved.
- Verification was made of proper public notice: TOA Website, TOA Facebook, Town Hall, Arena Post Office
- Gauger made the motion to approve the February's meeting minutes, Joo seconded. Minutes approved.
- Stephanie & Ryan Osborn, 100 acres on 7773 Knight Hollow Rd. Land Use Change/Variance.
  - It was brought to light that the current wording of "Variance" was not correct when using the terms that the Osborn's are seeking from the Board. They would like to be able to build a house more about 900 feet from where the current structure is. The township ordinance states that no new building that is considered a "cluster" of homes on one property deemed ag land may be built more than 300 feet away from the existing home.
  - Joo made the motion to approve the conditional use to allow a new home be built within 1200 feet of the current structure, just to give the Osborn's more room if needed. Gauger seconded and motion was carried without further discussion.
- Mike T. Hogan, Building & Driveway Permits, 6152 Coon Rock Road
  - Mike T. Hogan had all of the necessary paperwork to begin new construction on his family's land. Gauger made the motion to approve both the building and driveway permits. Joo seconded and the motion was carried without any further discussion
- Tyler Hanold, Building & Driveway Permits, Peterson Road

- Motion was made by Gauger with Joo seconding the approval of both the building and driveway permits. Motion was carried without further discussion. All fees were paid and applications turned in.
- Nick Hanold, Building & Driveway Permits, Peterson Road
  - Motion was made by Joo to approve the building and driveway permits and was seconded by Gauger. Motion carried without any further discussion. All fees were paid, and applications turned in.
- Dennis Arneson, Rezone 35 acres on Frame Rd from A1 to AR1.
  - Planning and Zoning had approved the application to rezone from A1 to AR1 but the Board discussed if it would need to be under a Conservancy. The parcel is part of 155 acres and is approximately 35.33 acres that Arneson is selling to Chad Sturdevant. Gauger made the motion to approve the rezone from A1 to AR1 with a Conservancy overlay if needed by the county. Joo seconded and the motion carried without any further discussion.
- Leah Forseth, B2 Conditional Use Permit, 7037 Demby Rd, formally the Nancy Kollatz Farm.
  - Leah, along with her siblings, purchased the Kollatz farm on Demby Road with hopes of using the sheds and fields for farming, and renting the house which sits on one acre. Airbnb's have become very popular and with limited sources in this area, would be a welcome addition to the township. The Forseth's will not be hosting large events, just renting to families and groups that want the "Farm Experience". The rezone for the house and acre will be changed from AR1 to B2 with conditional use as a short-term rental. Joo made the motion to approve the one-acre lot with the house to B2 with the conditional use for short term rentals. Gauger seconded and the motion was carried. Fees were paid for rezone and application filed.
- Cole Rasmussen, Land Division and Driveway Permit. 6333 Highway 14.
  - Rasmussen was approved by the P&Z Committee to divide property and rezone for the future sites of three homes. The owner of the land, John Rasmussen, emailed a signed affidavit authorizing his son Cole to divide the land and ask for a rezone. A Certified copy of the survey was also included in Rasmussen Sr's email. Joo made the motion to approve 4 new parcels with each parcel being 5.01 acres. Gauger seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Rasmussen

paid the rezone and land division fees and provided the appropriate paperwork.

- Terry Askevold, Liquor License Discussion: Absent
- Jon Joo, Building Permit 6031 Coon Rock Rd.
  - Gauger made the motion to approve the building permit for Joo at 6031 Coon Rock Rd with the condition that the current house be removed from property within one year after the new home is finished. Lucey seconded and motion carried. Andrea Joo abstained from voting due to being Jon Joo's spouse.
- Patrolman Report: Eric Henning filled the Board in and updated them on issues that needed attention:
  - There's been a complaint of engine braking from a tennant in the trailer court off Hayward Crossing. It is most likely that semi's traveling to the cold storage on the corner of Coon Rock Rd are making the most noise, especially since the road cannot be seen because of a little noll on the highway. The board discussed if anything could be done and came to the conclusion that since it is Highway 14 traffic, there isn't any way to monitor it.
  - There was also a complaint that a jug more than likely filled with urine is in the ditch across the road from River Valley Cold Storage that may have been thrown out by one of the semi drivers. Discussion was made on littering fines and how proof could be made.
  - The Patrolmen ordered and received a sign cautioning a blind driveway for Zwettler Road and will be installing it as soon as the ground thaws. They also cut back brush to make the area more visible after receiving concern from the homeowner on Zwettler.
  - There is a driveway culvert on Spring Rd that is plugged from the new construction of a home at 8398 Spring Rd. The clogged culvert wears down the road and makes it soft. Lucey will contact the homeowner and ask them to clean up the dirt and debris clogging it.
- Bills to be paid: Joo made the motion to approve the monthly bills. Gauger seconded.
- Public Comments: Clean Sweep will be scheduled for May 21, 2022. Alliant contacted members of the township to inform them that a drone will be flying to check lines.

16. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Joo and seconded by Gauger.